

Broward County Sheriff's Office Contact Summary with Nikolas Cruz

It has been accurately reported that the Broward County Sheriff's Office had contacts with the Cruz family prior to February 14, 2018. There were a total of 43 contacts and of the 43, 21 involved Nikolas Cruz alone or Nikolas Cruz and Zachary Cruz. 23 of the incidents involved only Zachary Cruz.

Of the 21 incidents involving Nikolas Cruz most are minor and warranted no further law enforcement action. The responses to a few of the incidents should have received further follow-up and are under internal review by the Broward County Sheriff's Office. The following are the categories of the 21 incidents:

Children Fighting or Running Away: 9
Nikolas Acting Out Toward His Mother (Domestic): 4
Follow-Up to Previous Call: 1
Response to 9/16 Threat Assessment: 1
Complaint of Cruz Shooting Chickens: 1
Complaint about Instagram Posts Involving Guns: 2
Field Interview Report (FIR): 1
Family Friends Calling BSO Warning About Cruz: 2

Event: 1

Date: November 8, 2008 at 1305 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 10
Location: 6255 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Kenny #6250
Incident Number: L17081108000165
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Joelle Guarino called BSO and advised that Nikolas Cruz hit her child (Dylan Guarino) in the head with a rock. The call type was changed to disturbance juvenile. The parents of both children agreed not to pursue the matter with the police.

Event: 2

Date: May 17, 2012 at 0724 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 13
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Kenny #6250
Incident Number: L171205000373
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Deputy Kenny was dispatched to a call from Lynda Cruz at her residence. She advised that her teenage children were out on control, destroying the home and fighting.

Event: 3

Date: August 5, 2012 at 0822 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 13
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Davis #10314
Incident Number: L17120805000101
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Lynda Cruz called BSO and advised that her children were throwing water balloons at the property. The notes indicated the deputy assisted her with disciplinary actions for her teenage sons.

Event: 4

Date: August 19, 2012 at 2026 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 13
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Michalosky #13549
Incident Number: L17120819000388
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Lynda Cruz called BSO and advised that her children were fighting and not listening to their mother.

Event: 5

Date: August 22, 2012 at 1933 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 13
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Scholtz #14918
Incident Number: L17120822000447
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Lynda Cruz called BSO because her two teenage children were cursing and being disrespectful.

Event: 6

Date: November 1, 2012 at 1906 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 14
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Seals #13911
Incident Number: L171211010000021
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Lynda Cruz called BSO because her two teenage children were fighting about the computer.

Event: 7

Date: November 27, 2012 at 1225 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 14
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Smith #13556
Incident Number: L17121127000576
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Lynda Cruz called BSO because Nikolas Cruz hit her with a plastic hose from the vacuum cleaner.

Event: 8

Date: November 27, 2012 at 1525 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 14
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Smith #13556
Incident Number: L17121127000581
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Lynda Cruz called BSO related to the earlier incident the same date. Nikolas Cruz had now returned home. The Deputy spoke with Nikolas Cruz about the disrespectful treatment of his mother.

Event: 9

Date: November 28, 2012 at 2127 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 14
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida

Deputy: Scholtz #14918
Incident Number: L17121128000606
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Lynda Cruz called BSO for her two teenage children. They left out a window and fled on foot. The children were both located and returned home. The CAD notes indicated that Henderson Behavioral Health also responded to the scene.

Event: 10

Date: January 15, 2013
Nikolas Cruz age: 14
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Michalosky #13549
Incident Number: L17130115000354
Report Number: 17-1301-000354
Report Written: Yes
Synopsis:

Lynda Cruz called BSO after Nikolas Cruz threw objects in the home. He was angry because he lost the privilege to play video games. He locked himself in his bedroom but they were able to push into the room. Nikolas Cruz was cooperative after contact was made. Nina Barela from Henderson Behavioral Health responded to the home.

Event: 11

Date: October 12, 2013 at 1835 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 15
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Scholtz #14918
Incident Number: L1713012000251
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Lynda Cruz called BSO to report both of her teenage sons as missing. They were located at a nearby residence.

Event: 12

Date: January 22, 2014 at 2028 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 15
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Anderson #14531

Incident Number: L1714022000487
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Lynda Cruz called BSO to report she had a verbal altercation with her son Nikolas Cruz.

Event: 13

Date: June 29, 2014 at 1434 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 15
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Bonilla #9533
Incident Number: L17140629000871
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Lynda Cruz called BSO because of a verbal argument with her two sons.

Event: 14

Date: November 20, 2014 at 1920 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 16
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Scholtz #14918
Incident Number: L171411002423
Report Number: 17-1411-002423
Report Written: Yes
Synopsis:

Deborah Cooper called BSO because Nikolas Cruz shot her chickens with an airsoft gun. It was later determined that one of the chickens died. Cooper did not wish to pursue charges after finding out that Nikolas Cruz was developmentally delayed.

Event: 15

Date: February 5, 2016 at 1145 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 17
Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Eason #10558
Incident Number: L17160205000212
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

A female called that requested to remain anonymous. She reported that Nikolas Cruz had posted weapons on his Instagram page and threatened to commit a school shooting. It was reported that he attended Stoneman Douglas High School. This incident is under investigation by BSO internal affairs.

(Note: under the existing law at the time, even if this incident was verified and Cruz was deemed a threat to others and Baker Acted, and weapons were found, law enforcement would have had no authority to seize the weapons. If the incident was verified and Cruz was Baker Acted for evaluation he likely would have been released within the 48 hour evaluation period. Moreover Cruz was already receiving mental health services from Henderson at that time.)

Event: 16

Date: September 28, 2016 at 1300 hours

Nikolas Cruz age: 18

Location: 5901 Pine Island Road, Parkland, Florida (Stoneman Douglas High)

Deputy: Peterson #4308

Incident Number: 171609001610

Report Number: 17-1609-001610

Report Written: Yes

Synopsis:

This incident occurred at Stoneman Douglas High School. It was related to a report by a student peer counselor to school staff and then Deputy Peterson. It also started the school threat assessment process.

Event: 17

Date: September 28, 2016 at 1634 hours

Nikolas Cruz age: 18

Location: 6166 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida

Deputy: Feduik #9507

Incident Number: L17160928001626

Report Number: 17-1609-0026

Report Written: Yes

Synopsis:

Deputy Feduik completed a written report as he accompanied adult protective services investigator Beatrice Thomas to the residence of Nikolas Cruz. The report noted that Henderson Behavioral Health employee Jared Bienenfeld was also on scene.

Event: 18

Date: November 5, 2016 at 1145 hours

Nikolas Cruz age: 18

Location: 6255 NW 80th Terrace, Parkland, Florida

Deputy: Eason #10558

Incident Number: L17160205000212
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Joelle Guarino called BSO because Nikolas Cruz had posted photographs on Instagram with knives and a possible firearm. The photograph was removed and never observed by law enforcement. Cruz denied the Instagram post. This incident is under investigation by BSO internal affairs.

Event: 19

Date: June 21, 2017 at 2158 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 18
Location: 6200 Holmberg Road, Parkland, Florida
Deputy: Swadkins #15817
Incident Number: 171706001375
Report Number: 17-1706-001375
Report Written: Field Interview Report
Synopsis:

Deputy Swadkins contacted Nikolas Cruz as he rode a bicycle with no headlight. A field interview report was completed.

Event: 20

Date: November 1, 2017 at 2056 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 19
Location: Telephone
Deputy: Gehres #BS11251
Incident Number: 171711000039
Report Number: No
Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Katherine Blaine called BSO the day Lynda Cruz died. She reported that Nikolas Cruz had weapons and was supervising his 17 year old brother. This was more about a welfare check of Nikolas and Zachary because their mother died that day.

Event: 21

Date: November 30, 2017 at 1220 hours
Nikolas Cruz age: 19
Location: Telephone
Deputy: Guntis #BSO9714
Incident Number: 1717113000001602
Report Number: No

Report Written: No
Synopsis:

Mary Hamel called BSO from out of state. She reported that Nikolas Cruz had weapons, wanted to join the military to kill people. Cruz's mother had died earlier in the month. This incident is under investigation by BSO internal affairs.